

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 107

3 July 1951

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
*Lt. Jones	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
Major Hession	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)

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*Prospective alternate members.

2. The Chairman reported to the Committee on NIS production for June and rendered a brief summary report on the total production for FY 1951. The production for June was 27 sections, which represented less than 40% of June commitments. For the year, NIS production was approximately 270 sections, or slightly more than 4 equivalent NIS. The scheduled commitments for FY 1951 were approximately equivalent to 8 NIS. Thus actual production for the year was about 50% of scheduled requirements. A detailed analysis of this matter will be contained in the forthcoming Annual Report of the NIS Program for Fiscal Year 1951.

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3. The Chairman stated that the recent trip [redacted] and himself had resulted in formulating plans for the initial writing of several chapters of the NIS [redacted]. In general terms these plans include the following:

a. The preparation of Chapter II (except for Section 23, "Weather and Climate", which AF and JMC wanted done in Washington) by the Geographic Section, G-2, GHQ, FECOM, utilizing the 25X6A Plan 25X6A-1. Additional offshore hydrographic surveys of [redacted]

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[redacted] are to be undertaken by the [redacted] U.S. Marine Beach Survey Team. (The offshore hydrographic survey [redacted] is already under way.) Army and [redacted] have agreed to assign [redacted] each to this project which, [redacted] will satisfy both theatre intelligence and NIS requirements. G-2, DA, will attempt to procure the necessary U.S. geographers who will be needed by the Geographic Section to write the NIS drafts. In addition, Navy assistance will be needed in writing the draft for Section 22 (Coasts and Landing Beaches).

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b. The preparation of Sections 31 (Railway) and 32 (Highway) is to be undertaken by the Office 25X6A Engineers, FECOM. There were no apparent existing capabilities 25X6A to do the other sections of Chapter III. It is understood, however, that all relevant data concerning these section requirements 25X6A have either been sent to Washington or are readily available 25X6A (The Navy member was requested to examine the requirements for Ports and Naval Facilities and Merchant Marine with the 25X6A to ONI determining whether to have these sections prepared 25X6A in Washington.)

c. State is following up the proposal to contract for the temporary services of suitable analysts now in SCAP for the preparation of most of Chapters IV (Sociological), V (Political), and VI (Economic) utilizing as a basis the historical monographs which generally parallel NIS requirements in these chapters, now in 25X1A1a preparation by the Civil Historical Section, SCAP. An estimate of 25X6A is indicated as the necessary fiscal support for this project, which includes transportation of analysts and their dependents to the U.S. upon completion of the project.

d. No attempt was made to have Chapters VII (Scientific), VIII (Armed Forces), and IX (Map and Chart Appraisal) done 25X6A since this work can more readily be handled in Washington. 25X6A

e. Relative to the NIS Preliminary Gazetteer 25X6A on which work has not 25X6A yet been started but which will 25X6A be needed in support of the NIS 25X6A the visit disclosed that 25X6A had just published a 3-volume gazetteer of some 20,000 25X6A place names 25X6A administrative units. 25X1X1


25X1X1 A set of this gazetteer was obtained for use by BCN in the development of the NIS Gazetteer 25X6A

4. The State and Navy members were requested to submit to the Committee at its next meeting contributors' statements for Supplement V (Petroleum) and the Special NIS (Marine Climate and Oceanography).

5. The Army member stated that there had been recent improvement in the production of Sections 45 (Health and Sanitation) by the Surgeon General's Office (refer to paragraph 2, NIS Committee Meeting No. 106 of 29 May 1951). He felt that no further action should be taken until the qualitative aspects of the recent SGO contributions had been determined. He will make a further report in about a month on this matter.

6. The Chairman requested the Committee to approve formally the FY 1952 Tentative Production Schedule for Chapter VII (Scientific) which each member had verbally approved on 6 June 1951. The Committee approved the schedule set forth in paragraph 3 of memorandum from AAD/OSI to Chief, D/B, subject: NIS Chapter VII Production for Fiscal Year 1952, of 1 June 1951. Specifically

this schedule calls for the submission by the Chapter Coordinator (OSI) to D/B of Chapters VII ~~25X6A~~ following areas on the dates specified:

	1 November 1951
Czechoslovakia	1 February 1952
Sweden	1 April 1952
France	30 June 1952

7. The Chairman invited the members' attention to memorandum from the Secretary, IAC, to the IAC members, subject: NIS Program, dated 18 June 1951 (IAC-D-13/2), in which the views of the NIS Committee as set forth by its Chairman were expressed on the reconsideration of the NIS Program by the IAC and the revision of the JCS Priority List. Essentially, these views are that:

a) reconsideration by the IAC should be deferred until the capabilities of the presently authorized staffs in the several Intelligence Agencies can more accurately be appraised (and by implication that an appropriate date for this reconsideration would probably be sometime during the 3rd Quarter, FY 1952);

b) no material advantage would be gained from any current revision of the JCS Priority List.

8. The Chairman stated that significant commentary on NIS was now coming in from the field in increasing volume and gave as an example a 15-page detailed commentary on Section 25 (Urban Areas) of the NIS on Libya, which was made by the American Consul, Benghazi. These field commentaries will be most important in the revisions of the NIS under the maintenance program and in some cases, where the comments are made on first drafts sent to the field, they can be helpful in correcting major errors before publication. The Chairman emphasized the importance of making major corrections wherever possible, even at the expense of delaying publication of the material.

The Army member pointed out that the field reports could not be accepted without consideration of correlation with other reports and substantive evaluation by the analysts in the contributing agencies.

After further discussion by the Committee the Chairman stated his general conclusions that:

a) field checking of first drafts was desirable when time permitted;

b) major substantive errors revealed through field reporting should be corrected in NIS contributions before publication whenever feasible;

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c) field checking of published NIS and the related collection of "gap" information were fundamental to proper revisions under the maintenance program.

9. The Chairman notified the Committee that the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, by memorandum to DCI of 12 June 1951, concurs in the withdrawal of JANIS 40-1 and JANIS 41-1 from the Registered Documents List. The Chairman indicated that CIA would shortly issue a memorandum to this effect to all holders of JANIS. The Air Force member requested that the Adjutant General's Office, USAF, be included in the dissemination of the notice.

10. The Chairman informed the Army member that D/B had approved the list of key towns for Section 25, NIS 15-16 and concurred in the views of OCE that Albern should be listed as a port serving Vienna rather than as a separate town. The Chairman pointed out that the towns were not in all cases spelled in conformity with EGN decisions.

11. The State member indicated the following substitution in the current schedule:

a) NIS 9, Section 43, originally scheduled for July 1951, to be delivered in June 1951;

b) NIS 68, Section 40, originally scheduled for June 1951, to be delivered in August 1951.

12. The Army member informed the Committee that G-2 had received a request from the U.S. Joint American Military Advisory Group (JAMAG) in London to make available NIS on USSR and Soviet Bloc countries to be international staff of SHAPE; further, that an ad hoc committee representing the Armed Forces Agencies had approved this request. The Army member was instructed to lay the matter before the Chairman, NIS Committee, for CIA approval of this release.

Discussion revealed that none of the other members had been instructed by their agencies regarding this matter; further, that the release of these NIS to the international staff of SHAPE, would be tantamount to releasing them to all of the European governments represented on the international staff.

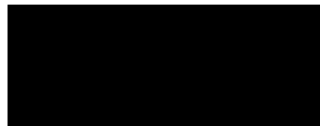
The Chairman stated that this matter involved a policy decision that CIA could not act upon without formal request which set forth the facts and requirements of the situation. He also indicated that State's approval would have to be obtained since its intelligence was involved.

He, therefore, suggested the following procedure to the Army member: G-2 to make formal request to the DCI with information copies going to the Chiefs of Intelligence of State, Navy, and Air Force. Subsequent action could then be taken by the IAC or the NIS Committee as determined by the DCI.

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13. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours,
10 July 1947.

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